POLAR BEARS











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THE POLAR BEARS 1975

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DEDICATION

The Senior Class of 1975 dedicates this yearbook to Mrs. Bette Olli in appreciation to her for her helpfulness to the class when we started our long journey through school.

Mrs. Olli began teaching at Burt Township School when the students of the present graduating class were second graders. She continued to lend a hand during their third, fifth and sixth grades.

In the sixth grade, Mrs. Olli helped the class begin our money making endeavor with a combination school-town newspaper called the "Brat's Back Talk."

A heartfelt thanks, Mrs. Olli, for all the help you've given us!







In the following pages the 1975 Polar Bear Staff will attempt to portray through words and photos the 1974-75 schoolyear. The yearbook staff mascot, Sonny-Bear, will be your guide as you look at the year just gone by.





Most of us have attended G.M.H.S. for thirteen years with many mixed feelings...feelings of pain, happiness, and at times even pure hatred. But I think given the choice we wouldn't have traded it for anything.

Our class in kindergarten was fairly large. The only remains of that group are six of us who have adopted the nickname of "The Six Originals." Marty Massey, Joetta Handrich, Sandy Eastman, Irene Endress, Jodee Lefebvre, and Aleta Niemi are the only ones who have stayed since that first day of school so long ago. Despite this fact, the five others who have joined us since then are just like one of the family and thought of dearly. The first

One of the most exciting experiences of our lives is two members to join our class in sixth grade were Don finally coming to an end. September 5, 1962 marked the Alverson of Rochester and Tom Thompson of Detroit. We starting point while May 30, 1975 marks the finish line. then had another addition in eighth grade...Kim Kirkens of Kalamazoo. Our final additions in eleventh grade were Mitzi Laeder of Grayling and Ron Tester of Springport. We had one more addition this year who didn't stay...Donna Richards of Mecosta.

I guess what we really want to say is thanks. Thanks to our parents, teachers and anyone else who has made this part of our lives such an enjoyable one. People say that graduation is just the beginning so thanks for making this God Bless. beginning possible.

THE SENIORS OF 1975



JOHN DOUGLAS THOMPSON JR.

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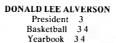
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S E N I O R S



Queen Jo & King Tatter - 1975



Must we explain?



It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's an Alverson!

Senior Class Will

Irene wills her memories of Hare Park to Kaleen.

Aleta wills her typing speed to any sucker who wants to get stuck with all the odd jobs.

Sandy wills her money making abilities to President Ford so he can stimulate the economy. Marty wills his ability to irritate the teachers to Jersey Joe, so that there is someone to carry on the tradition.

Joetta wills her psychoanalagies and ice cubes to Kim to help ease the frustrations she faces. Don wills his ability to get two milks to Cliff so he'll have something to wash IT down with next year.

Mitzi wills her get up and go, that got up and went to anyone who can find it.

Kim wills anything he has to anyone who wants it.

Ron wills his quietness to Mr. Beaver because the price of waders is going up.

Tom wills his good looks to Dennis Elliott.

Seniors will their patience to the teachers because they'll need it to handle the Juniors next year.

Senior Prophecy

NAME Don Aleta Marty Mitzi Kim

Joetta

Sandy

Tom

Irene

Ron

NICKNAME D.A. Fingers Moosha

Mitz

Clappy

Germ

Tatter

Bruno

Trout

Brain Damage

HOPES TO BE Employed Sober Healthy Something Sailor

Something
Sailor
Gone
Remembered
Loaded
Present
Sucker-spearer
Straight

SURE TO BE Unemployed Drunk Sick

Nothing Seasick Around Forgotten Broke Absent Rabbit-hunter Busted FAVORITE SONG Welfare Cadillac Bottle of Wine Rockin Pneumonia & the Boogie Woogie Flu

King of Nothing
Rock the Boat
Never Can Say Good-bye
Gone But Not Forgotten
If I Were a Rich Man
Can't Get Enough
Here Comes Peter Cottontail
Jailhouse Rock























JUNIORS









Joe Allera Kim Becker Patsy Corey Monte Heacox









Bob Johnson Pam Martin Mercedes Niemi Kris Richardson





Cliff Smith Fred Smith



James Becker, Advisor













SOPHOMORES









Sarah Bridger Art Gage Parm Heacox Nola Laeder



















Kathy Minor Marilyn Mixon Walter Mixon Terry O'Driscoll









John Peterman Tammie Tester Chris Thompson Carl Minor Advisor



It must be Monday morning.



Brains at work



Blow Hard



FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORE ACTIVITIES

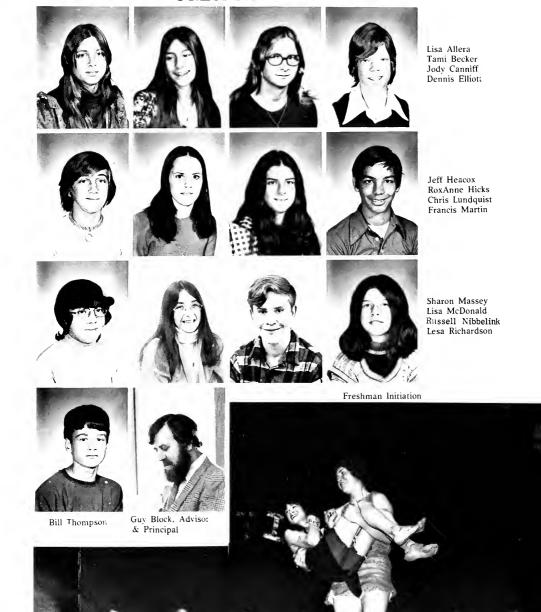


"Kiss me, you tool!





FRESHMEN



8TH GRADE



Ramona Bailey Cindy Barney Dawn Becker Randy Becker



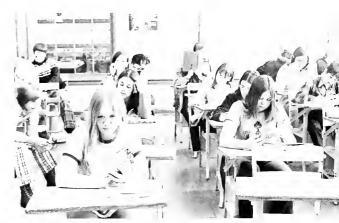
Joanne Leftwich Dave Minor Noreen Monache Cindy Potter



Darryl Propst Cathy Stier Dawn Thompson Neal Beaver, Jr. High Advisor



JUNIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES









7TH GRADE



















Anita Krackowski Becky Krackowski Lisa Lefebvre Lisa Monache

















Bob Richardson Jeff Sibbald Loretta Smith Tim Stier



Rose Ylimaki



E . LENGTHUSTON I GO SERVE



FIFTH & SIXTH **GRADES**





Holly Becker James Leftwich Mrs. Olli Patty Krackowski

































Michael Laeder Karen Minor Michael Becker Rene' Pirlot Rodney Mattson Debbie Klotz Michael Stier



Now you did it!



Oomph!



Sneakin' up the back way!



Dig that centerfold!



Study in concentration.



No mercy for the criminals!



THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON OF THE



THIRD & FOURTH GRADES





Jerry Purple Kathy Becker Mr. Peterman Kevin Thorrington































Mike Bailey Michelle Bailey Allen Perlick Linell Lefebvre Paul McDonald Robin Thompson Don Smith

Tickle me!





Oh! Oh! Crash Diet!





FIRST & SECOND **GRADES**





Darrin Ross Keith Pirlot Mrs. Peterman Joe Venturato













Joe Mathias Eric Stier Chrissy Bailey Ron Hicks Kelly Klotz Scott Leftwich















Dale Ross Mickey Flanders Tony Block Renae Venturato Don Hicks Lois Mathias Edward Potter



Love Me! Squeeze me! Take me home!











Candids!







KINDERGARTEN



Mrs. Minor

Anne Nyman











Khristine Hartman Matthew Tester Dorothy Venturato Carl Babbitt Tami Hoffman











Nadine Bailey Joanne Massey Beaver Sibbald Amy Block Lisa Becker



On their way to fame and fortune!





Mrs. Becker

School Band

For the past few years, the band at Burt Township School has been relatively inactive. But this year classes were once again held in the music room. Mrs. Adrienne Becker and Mrs. Diane Pirlot graciously volunteered their time and efforts to get the band going again. A lot of progress was made by the students and we are all very grateful.

We would also like to thank all the organizations of Grand Marais who have donated money for new music and instruments.



Mrs. Pirlot

Driver Education - Mr. Becker





Speech Mrs. Pickens







Art Miss Babbitt

Special Education Mrs. Bennett





Mrs. Pat Elliott - Secretary



And

School Board



Mrs. Marion Martin - Cook









Jerry Alverson - Pres.



Marge Thompson - Sec. HelenAnn Coles



Henry Holzhauer - Treas. John Monache Howard Willis











ATHLETICS



Fund raising for uniforms.



MAMA



Where'd you get that hickey?

The 1974-75 Girl's Basketball Season was something less than perfect. Having a record of only one regular season win does not exactly tell the whole story though. Several of the games were very close, especially one played on Manistique's court which went into overtime.

District tournaments were held in Engadine this year and the Mama Bears won the first game, defeating the Engadine Eagles. In the second and championship game the Mama Bears lost to the Mackinac Island Lakers.

This was the last year of basketball for three seniors, Mitzi Laeder, Sandra Eastman and Joetta Handrich, the latter two having played since girl's basketball was organized at Burt Township School in 1970.

Back Row (L. to R.) Mr. Becker, Coach, Nola Laeder, Lisa McDonald, Sandy Eastman. Front Row (L. to R.) Tammie Tester, Pam Martin, Joetta Handrich, Kim Becker, Lisa Allera Mitzi Laeder(Insert)

BEARS



We can't go on!

Six out of seven used Lux.







Full speed ahead!



Stretch Stretches

District Tournaments





POLAR

The Polar Bears did quite well this year winning a record fourteen out of seventeen regular games with Mr. Neal Beaver as coach. This year also a second record was broken in that the Polar Bears swept the Northern Lights League with 8 wins - no loss record to win the League Championship trophy.

Basketball is a fun and exciting sport as most of its players will agree, but along with the thrill one gets out of playing the game there is a lot of hard work involved. The exercising, the sprints, the layups all get to be sort of a drag after while, but when the players come charging out of the locker room on Friday night and hear the sounds of the cheerleaders and fans cheering, they get that great feeling of accomplishment knowing that whatever hard and strenuous effort had to be made in getting ready for the game, it was all worth that one great mo-

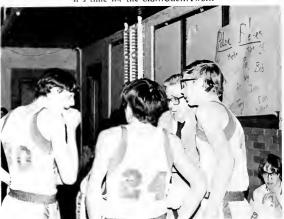
Polar Bears, Left to Right - Front to Back: Art Gage (Insert), Monte Heacox, Pat Leftwich, Terry O'Driscoll, Don Alverson, Marty Massey, Doug Loman, Joe Allera, Bob Johnson, Ron Tester, Fred Smith, Cliff Smith

Neal Beaver, Coach (Insert)





"It's time for the old...One...Two..."



BEARS





"I love these easy lay ups."

Field Goal!







Miss Babbitt, Advisor

Kaleen Lefebvre

Aleta Niemi

Jodee Lefebvre

Irene Endress Kathy Minor

CHEERLEADERS





Kaleen Lefebvre

Kathy Minor Jody Massey (Sub.) Irene Endress Nola Laeder (Sub.)



One weekend in October, the J.V. Cheerleaders, accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Peterman, went to Midland to participate in a cheerleading workshop sponsored by the Dynamic Cheerleaders Association.

Saturday was spent in various activities beginning with competition for the Michigan State Cheerleading Championship. Professional cheerleading instructors were on hand to give assistance in learning mounts, pompon routines, chants and group cheers.

Throughout the basketball season, the J.V. Cheerleaders worked hard incorporating the mounts into their floor cheers and during the half time of the Homecoming game they performed a pompon routine.



Diane Klotz (Sub.)
Lisa Monache (Sub.)

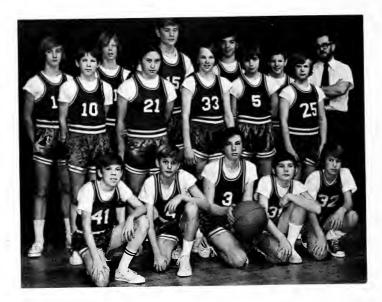
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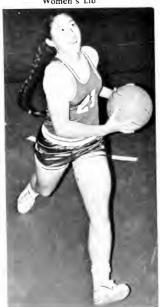
Kathy Stier





Back Row: Jeff Heacox Dennis Elliott Russell Nibbelink Francis Martin Ken Laeder Coach Carl Minor Middle Row: Dave Minor Ramona Bailey Mike Morrow Darryl Propst Jeff Sibbald Front Row: Mike Corey Tim Stier Ora Endress Troy Potter Randy Becker

Women's Lib



Our Grand Marais Junior Varsity basketball team is once again champions of the Northern Lights League. This is the third time in the past four years that our Cubs have won the league championship. However, this season our JV must share the conference title with the Paradise JV, since both teams hold identical records of 6 wins and 2 losses in league play.

In the final conference game of the season, the Cubs lost a thrilling double over-time battle to Paradise, 39-38. This loss enabled the Paradise team to become co-champions in the

JV competition.

This year Coach Carl Minor gave the local fans a new twist to area basketball by allowing a girl to be a member of the squad. Ramona Bailey, an eighth grade student, gave some excellent performances. As the season progressed, she became a regular starter on the team. At Mackinac Island, Ramona surprised the fans by scoring the first six points of the game on outside jump shots. She went on to the high point man - sorry about that - the hight point woman of the game.

Members of the JV squad this year were: (9th) Dennis Elliott, Jeff Heacox, Francis Martin, and Russell Nibbelink; (8th) Randy Becker, Ken Laeder, Mike Corey, Ramona Bailey, Darryl Propst, and Dave Minor; (7th) Mike Morrow, Ora Endress, Troy Potter, Jeff Sibbald, and Tim Stier.

Our junior high team was composed of the above named 7th and 8th grade members, plus several additional girls who joined the team in their victories over Germfask. The girls who were members of the Junior High Basketball team were Ramona Bailey, Cindy Barney, Cindy Potter, Noreen Monache, Dawn Becker, and Lisa Monache.





I'll get it Dave.







Jump Dennis!



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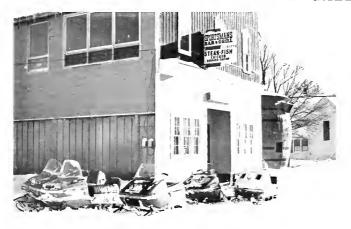
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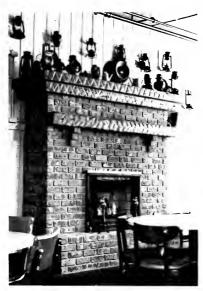
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Alfred "Grump" Lundquist

Gone is the rough speaking, cigar smoking candy man. On October 20, 1974, we lost "Grump" Lundquist. Although he is gone, his memory will remain in our hearts forever. To adults "Grump" was the newspaperman and hotel manager, while to children he was the man behind the candy counter, ever-patient and always waiting with a smile.



Johnny Jenkins

We lost John in a fatal automobile accident on June 11, 1974. John spent only one year in Burt Township School having moved from Newberry, Michigan with his parents John & Shirley Jenkins, Sr. who purtsethe Northern Resthome. John participated in school activities and was a member of the basketball team.

Even though he is gone, his memory will always be with us.

1974 Graduation





4-H Talent Show



Prom

LOOKING BACK AT 1974

Junior Carnival





Athletic Banquet

Parent's Night



...And so concludes another yearbook; another schoolyear. The students of each class will now progress to the next highest grade and the Seniors will graduate and leave Burt Township School, not knowing exactly what will lie ahead. The experiences of this past year, however, will continue to be remembered and will endure to aid each student in making decisions in the future.

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Grand Marais, Michigan

May 30, 1975

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Ronald Lee Tester
John Douglas Thompson, Jr.

Class Flower - Carnation

Color - Blue & White

Motto - Today Is Only Yesterdays Tomorrow

Ushers: Class of 1976

Friday May 30, 1975

8:00 p.m.

Processional "Pomp and Circumstance"-	-Marilyn Mixon
Invocation —	Rev. Willard Handrich
Introduction of Senior Class	Supt. James G. Becker
Welcome	Sandra Eastman
Piano Solo "Sonate' Pathetique"	Irene Endress
Address	Rev. Dan Zaloga
Duet "Blowin' In The Wind"	Kimberly Becker & Joetta Handrich
Presentations:	
State Scholarship	James Becker
Academic Achievement ————	Alene Nebel
Wm. Strang Award	Henry W. Holzhauer
Women's Club Award	Margaret Niemi
Farewell -	Joetta Handrich
Presentation of Diplomas ————	Gerald Alverson
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